Platyceratops

Platyceratops is a genus of ceratopsian dinosaur from the Late Cretaceous of Mongolia. It lived during the Campanian stage, about 75-72 million years ago. The name *Platyceratops* is derived from Greek, and means "flat horned face". *Platyceratops* is similar to *Bagaceratops*, although its skull is larger. It has been referred to the Bagaceratopidae or at least the Neoceratopsia. It is possibly a junior synonym of *Bagaceratops*.[1] The type species is *Platyceratops tatarinovi*, described by Alifanov in 2003.

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Temporal range: Late Cretaceous, 75–72 Ma

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Scientific classification	
Kingdom:	Animalia
Phylum:	Chordata
Clade:	Dinosauria
Order:	†Ornithischia
Family:	†Bagaceratopidae
Genus:	†*Platyceratops* Alifanov, 2003
Species	
Platyceratops tatarinovi Alifanov, 2003 type	

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Classification

Platyceratops belonged to the Ceratopsia (the name is Greek for "horned face"), a group of herbivorous dinosaurs with parrot-like beaks that thrived in North America and Asia during the Cretaceous Period. The validity of *Platyceratops* remains in doubt. Both *Platyceratops* and *Bagaceratops* were found at the same locality, the Red Beds at Khermeen Tsav, which raises the possibility that they are in fact the same species.[1]

Diet

Platyceratops, like all ceratopsians, was a herbivore.

See also

- Timeline of ceratopsian research

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External links

- *Platyceratops* in the Dino Directory (http://www.nhm.ac.uk/jdsml/nature-online/dino-directory/detail.dsml?Genus=Platyceratops)

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